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BOBBY ROBERTS



With the League now just about a quarter the way through, various patterns are beginning to emerge and it is quite clear that tonight's opponents, Wigan Athletic, will be one of the front runners in the promotion race unless something catastrophic was to happen to their form. With new Player/Manager, Larry Lloyd, at the helm, they have had a sound start to the Season and we can expect formidable opposition tonight from Larry and his team. The experience which he gained at Liverpool, Coventry and Forest will, no doubt, be passed on to his team and we can expect a really competitive match and a hard struggle if we are to gain the three points tonight.

Another well known character connected with Wigan is Bobby Charlton, now taking over the role as a Director, having gone through well known spells as Player and Manager. He is, of course, a household name and I am sure everyone at Colchester will be delighted if he can make the trip with the team to Layer Road tonight.

For our own part, we have been having a decent run in the League, incidentally at the time of writing these notes the Halifax and Cambridge results are not known, but we have got to make the effort to continue our good home form and try to get our away form on a similar basis. The players have continued to work very hard, both in training and in matches, and if they can continue along the same lines, I am sure that the results will continue to be good ones.

I have, on several occasions, commented about how the vocal support can help the players and it was particularly noticeable in the last two League matches against York and Hereford. We do appreciate that there is a recession and that money is tight so, bearing that in mind, it was particularly heartening to have two gates over 3,000 people with the games so close together. Not only were you there in numbers but the noise you made was tremendously encouraging to the team and if we can have a repeat tonight, it would certainly help us in our quest for three points.

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FRONT ROW: Fred Eym (Asst. Manager), Kevin Sheldon, Mark Wignall, David Glenn, Larry Lloyd (Manager), Steve McAdam, John McMahon, Jeff Wright, Kenny Banks (Trainer/Coach). BACK ROW: Clive Evans, Les Bodd, Neil Davis, Graham Barrow, John Brown, Bob Ward, Colin Mathew, Mike Quinn, Peter Houghton, Alex Cribley.

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WIGAN ATHLETIC



BOB WARD (Goalkeeper) — Height 5'11". Weight 12st. As a boy, Bob supported his local side West Bromwich Albion, and he has had the double experience of playing at "The Hawthorns" both for and against Albion! After leaving school, he played as an amateur for West Brom, eventually turning professional at 18 and making 15 first-team appearances. He later joined Blackpool for a £20,000 fee and made his debut for the Seaside in an F.A. Cup tie at West Bromwich. He made 41 League appearances for Blackpool before joining Wigan. Made the breakthrough last season to become Wigan's first-choice goalkeeper and will shortly register his 100th Football League appearance.

JOHN MCMAHON (Fullback) — Height 5'3". Weight 11st 20lb. Newly acquired from Crawley Alexandra during the close season, John has already featured prominently in Wigan's pre-season friendly fixtures. His experience gained with Preston North End and other Football League clubs has brought a more professional look to Wigan's back four and his polished skills and keen positional sense have earned the praise of Wigan's critical fans. John has well over 300 Football League appearances to his credit and is expected to be a key figure in the Springfield Park club's push for promotion.

LARRY LLOYD (Central Defender/Player Manager) — Height 6'2". Weight 13½ stons. Appointed in the second half of last season as player/manager, his battle hardened English international has already brought a more professional approach to the play of the side under his control. A fierce competitor, with over 400 Football League games to his credit, and a wealth of experience acquired with Bristol Rovers, Liverpool, Coventry City and Nottingham Forest, Larry Lloyd expects great things this year. Certainly, he will produce a side that will be hard to beat and may yet achieve the promotion so earnestly longed for.

COLIN METHVEN (Central Defender) — Height 6'1". Weight 12st 4lbs. Manager Ian McHale's deep knowledge of Scottish football enabled him to search out this strong and positive player who became Wigan's record signing at a fee of £30,000 from East Fife in October, 1979. It was soon obvious that the money had been well spent, for Colin, good in the air and strong in the tackle, soon took over as Captain of the Wigan side and led his men to glory in Wigan's great F.A. Cup run, Season 1979-1980. Another key figure in Wigan's defensive organisation, Methven looks forward eagerly to a promotion-challenging year ahead. Now over 200 competitive games played at English and Scottish Football League level.

ALEX CRIBBLEY (Midfielder) — Height 5'11". Weight 12st 8lbs. After considerable Central League experience, with Liverpool Football Club, Alex joined Wigan Athletic at the end of October, 1980, and then proceeded to play every game through to the end of the season. A determined customer, who is equally at home in the back four as he is in midfield. Very popular with the Wigan fans, who appreciate the fact that he always gives 100 per cent effort.

CLIVE EVANS (Midfielder) — Height 5'10". Weight 10st 8lbs. Joined Wigan in the close-season from Tranmere Rovers for a sizeable fee, having already completed over 150 Football League appearances and scored over 30 goals for the Merseyside club. He has shown promise in the pre-season games and is likely to be a key figure in Larry Lloyd's re-organised team structure. A precise and cultured player.

GRAHAM BARROW (Midfielder) — Height 5'2". Weight 13 st. Another close-season signing from Alliance Premier League side, Altrincham. A strong, aggressive player, who, once he adjusts to the demands of full-time football, should prove an asset as Wigan Athletic set their stall out to gain promotion.

KEVIN SHELTON (Winger) — Height 5'5½". Weight 9st 4lbs. Signed from Stoke City during the summer, Kevin, a natural winger, is expected to give the Wigan Athletic side width in attack and a good supply of crosses for the team's strike force. Tricky and brave, this young player is anxious to give his career a boost, after recovering from a series of set-backs, in the shape of leg injuries, during his stay with "The Pottery".

LES BRADDO (Forward) — Height 6'1". Weight 12st 3lbs. A player of vast experience, with over 600 Football League appearances and more than 150 goals, Les is expected to bring all the knowledge acquired at Rotherham United, Notts County and Stockport County to the Wigan Athletic attack. Capable also of quality performances at the back of the defence, this seasoned player could prove to be the shrewdest of manager Larry Lloyd's close-season signings. He is expected to bring the best out of the young players around him.

PETER HOUGHTON (Forward) — Height 5'11". Weight 12st 7lbs. After showing a great deal of promise in Wigan Athletic's first two seasons in League Football, Peter struggled last year against a series of nagging injuries and inconsistent form. However, towards the end of last year's campaign, he began to hit something near his top form, his goal touch returned, and supported by Quinn and Bradd, he should be back among the goals again this season. On his day, a really exciting attacker.

FOR NEWS OF THE U's AND MATCH REPORT

THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES





CHAIRMAN'S VIEW

Tonight we welcome Wigan Athletic Football Club, who we are entertaining for the first time at our Layer Road ground.

In the Hereford programme I gave my views why Colchester United have for years been a struggling club. Now I will deal with the £100,000 question of how we are going to solve this problem and plan to make the U's a successful club in the future. The first priority that our Manager, Bobby Roberts, had to overcome, was to put a team together which would play attractive attacking football that not only entertained the crowd but also excited them so that they would get behind the team and thereby raise their game, and this, I am sure you will agree, has been the case so far this season. I for one have seen some of the best football and entertainment ever staged at our Layer Road ground.

Our idea behind this plan was to gain further revenue by eventually raising our home attendances to an average of 4,500, which is essential if we are to succeed. Our second aim is to improve our supporters' facilities, because having raised the support of the club you have then got to keep them, and that is not easy with the facilities that our neighbours down the road can offer. But our most important aim is to increase our scouting activities and raise the budget considerably on our Youth Policy, this of course means more outlay at a time when we can ill-afford it, but hopefully this will pay handsome dividends in the future.

On the Commercial side of the club more revenue must be found, and here we have introduced a new sponsored match package, which some of you, no doubt, heard mentioned on Anglia Television last Friday.

I will deal further, in future programmes, with other of the club's plans.

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DIVISION FOUR NEWS

A favourite old Jazz number of mine is 'There'll be some changes made', and I should think this might well be appointed as the signature tune of the Fourth Division this season so far. The positions, at the top at any rate, seem to change almost hourly. Last time in these chaste pages, I wrote that Bournemouth were top, Bradford City second and Torquay third. Now after Bournemouth lost to Aldershot, and a Bradford win, suddenly we find they have gone top, and Bournemouth have dropped down, whilst Torquay are ninth (all this at time of writing of course, heaven knows what has happened by the time this reaches your eager (?) hands — probably Crewe will be top!). In spite of our smashing win over Hereford, Bury are way up there, also Blackpool after a fine win away at York. After the Hereford match we were fifth, but with any luck we may have improved on this, as well as still being in the Football League Cup. The way the boys are playing at the moment I'd even back them for a Grand National. Sheffield United still look like being a nuisance, but at least we have played both them and Bradford City away, so those should be two tremendous matches at Layer Road to look forward to (on February 6th and 19th respectively). With our gates creeping up nicely, these two should put the figures up, unless of course everything has changed and there is a new 'Top Six' in the Division. As I said before, goal difference may well play a big part in things and we're certainly doing our share in this respect.

I loved our Chairman's very good indictment of the Town Council's lack of effort to help the Club. One thing he might have mentioned; wherever you go either home or abroad, if you mention you come from Colchester, very few people seem to ask what prodigious feats the Colchester Town Council have performed, but everybody knows 'Leeds' — in other words it is the Football Club that makes the town famous. Moreover, a lot of people will know the names Ted Fenton, Benny Fenton, Neil Franklin, Dick Graham, Jim Smith and Bobby Roberts — can anybody tell me the names of the last six Mayors of Colchester?

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NEWS IN RESERVE

by RAY BUNKELL

In the Hereford programme I was full of praise for the way in which the Reserves had been playing over the last couple of months. Unfortunately we came down with a very hard bump on Saturday, 17th October, losing 2-1 at home to Bury Town. This game left me feeling frustrated. When we lose I am obviously not very happy, but some-times some good things can come out of defeats. In this case the way we lost was unacceptable from my point of view. Far too many of the players that day simply surrendered the best record of results we had built up over the last two seasons. I have since spoken to all the players concerned, and I can only hope that what has been said to them, both individually and as a team, will have the desired effect; that means no more games played in this way, because I know full well that if we work hard and apply ourselves in the correct way we produce football of a very high standard. Simply being superior in skill alone is not enough to win games. Had we won against Bury we would have been in the top three of the league for the first time in many years.

I spend plenty of time during the week, especially with the younger players, working on basic techniques and skills, and in the way football is being played nowadays players have to be very fit and athletic to combine this with the ability to produce good skills under pressure, together with a good understanding of the game.

I will keep working on the basics week-in and week-out until we reach a very high level because I feel it is important.



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YOUTH TEAM

with Roy Massey

Last Saturday week the 'A' side played West End in the Tommy Thompson Cup, and we saw a very exciting game, with our boys going down 3-2 in extra time. I was not too disappointed with the result, as I thought that we played some good football and competed well throughout the game. For the second week running we scored a late own goal — this time the unfortunate lad was Danny Foster, the brother of Essex and Young England cricketer, Neil Foster.

Against West End, we played two young trials, and to me, this is one of the most important functions of the 'A' side. The fact that we can have a look at boys who have been recommended to us, on a regular basis. The other important aspect is that the 'A' side provides boys for the reserves, when they are short of professionals, and with the injuries to Mick Packer and Steve Foley, Colin Henson is having to use two or three of our boys each week. This is a tremendous opportunity for our youngsters to show what they can do, and Paul Welling, a fifteen year old from Philip Morant School, has already had a number of outings with the reserves. Mutua Sanyangara also had his chance against Bury, two weeks ago, and Rudi Hedman, a sixteen year old from Tony Adcock's old school, in Witham, played against Thetford.

Our Under-18 youth side had a good 5-2 win at Corby in the East Anglian Junior Floodlight Cup, last week. We now play Stevenage or Letchworth in the semi-finals. Andy Gooding scored a hat-trick, John Taylor and Perry Groves scored one each. This is probably the best youth side that we have had since I have been working with the club, but they have not played to their full potential in their other Cup competitions, so I am hoping that they can justify my faith in them, by going on to reach the final of this competition, with the possibility of playing Luton Town or Norwich City at Layer City.



TODAY'S REFEREE

MICHAEL L. JAMES (Horsham), Started refereeing locally in 1960. Progressed through Sussex County League to Southern League, and to the Football League List. Refereed the Southern League Cup Final in 1979; acted as linesman in an F.A. Cup quarter-final in 1981, and was reserve linesman for England v. Brazil (1981).

A married man with two children, he is a Regional Manager, and is Chairman of Horsham Referees' Association. He has an interest in all sports, and enjoys gardening and reading.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ No. 8 CROSSWORD

Across

6. John Sissons; 7. Grounds; 8. Lee; 10. Ray; 12. Borussia; 15. Dave Bennett.

Down

1. Four; 2. Angus; 4 & 3. PSV Eindhoven; 5. knee; 11 & 9. Alan Young; 13. gate; 14. red.

QUICK QUIZ

1. Pockles; 2. Rochdale (1931-32); 3. 15; 4. Spurs (ECWC, 1963); 5. 1969-70.

MIXED DOUBLES: O'Neill — Rice.

CLUB CLUE: S-wind-on.

ON THE BALL: White — Billy — Chris — Italy.

YESTER YEARS

10 YEARS

Saturday, 13th November, 1971
COLCHESTER 1 v BRENTFORD 1

Brentford raised their arms in joy when referee Jim Brent sounded the final whistle at Layer Road — they were all dissatisfied with a disappointing game, due mainly to the defensive tactics of Bloss in the second period. Mr. Bent's eccentric refereeing and scrappy Colchester performance were contributory factors. Mr. Bent awarded more than 30 free kicks and produced questionable bookings for John Docherty and Brian Lewis.

United had claims to two second-half penalties as they hammered away in the second half. Ken Jones gave United a 14th minute lead. The equaliser came when John O'Mara headed home a goal for Brentford.

TEAM FOR THE DAY: Smith, Cook, Hall, Cram, Garvey, Kuria, Lewis, Gibbs, Leslie, Jones, Gilchrist. Sub: Mahon for Jones.

20 YEARS

Monday, 6th November, 1961
COLCHESTER 2 v PETERBOROUGH 2

The crowd certainly got their money's worth at the action packed reply. The U's took the lead in the 38th minute through King who slid the ball into the net from a cross centre by Bobby Hunt. Blyth equalised for Peterborough 12 minutes from time.

Bobby Hunt gave the U's the lead again 4 minutes from the end when he beat the goalkeeper in a race for a long forward ball from Harris. In the 88th minute Emery equalised for Peterborough following a corner on the right.

30 YEARS

Saturday, 26th October, 1951
PART VALE 1 v COLCHESTER 1

The U's thoroughly deserved their point at Port Vale. Their equalising goal scored by Fred Cutting. The Vale did most of the attacking in the first opening minutes but there was little punch in their finishing, it was left to Colchester to threaten more danger and Cutting brought Heppell to his knees. Keeble and Cutting in a raid on the left had the Vale defence guessing but Eder shot wide. In the 35th minute Vale got a deserved goal from Bennett running through to beat two Colchester defenders and shot past Wright with a strong drive. Colchester equalised in the 73rd minute with a cross ball and Scott headed it down for Cutting to score. Colchester's challenge became stronger but it was Avia who went nearest to scoring again.



CARLISLE UNITED

A narrow squeak last time out

By Derek Henderson



In the end they had to rely on another result when Sheffield United lost and fell from grace, to save themselves. It was a tremendous relief for the players and for Stokoe who had been brought in to save the ship after Carlisle's disastrous start to their programme in which only two points were collected from the first dozen.

Stokoe made three signings which helped slowly but surely to steady the boat. They were Paul Heigh (Hull), Russell Coughlin (Blackburn Rovers) and Alan Campbell (Cardiff City).

But the captures on which Stokoe pins his high hopes of a much better season, perhaps even a serious and sustained challenge to win back the Second Division slot they forfeited in 1977, have been Robson and Lee.

Robson, who at one time seemed to funnel back and forwards between Sunderland and West Ham, always giving of his best and winning a place as a great favourite of Roker and Upton Park fans, joined the Cumbrians with most of last season gone. In a new role as player-coach.

Robson had no fewer than 237 goals to show for his knack of snapping up chances when the season began, which made him the highest scoring player performing in the Football League at the present time.

Lee, formerly with Leicester and Sunderland, was picked up for a mere £11,000 from Bristol Rovers in the close season and immediately celebrated the move with two goals in opening Group Cup ties against Burnley and Preston.

Robson and Lee thus joined forces with Gordon Staniforth who was Carlisle's top scorer last term with 16 goals — four from the penalty spot.

Carlisle were one of the League's minnows for many years after their 1928 election to the northern section of the third division, but in 1965 they hoisted themselves into Division II.

Gates began to boom, and for the first time the club's name began to achieve more prominence. To everyone's astonishment in 1974 they won a place in the First.

Unhappily they could not sustain it. Indeed they slumped back from the First to the Third in three seasons, a source of dismay to the loyal Cumbrian supporters who were hoping that the club could manage to hold on to lofty status for at least a few years.

So a place back in the Second would be very acceptable after the ups and downs of the seventies and that's Stokoe's aim as he now seems to have got around him a more solid-looking unit plus strikers of real experience.

Carlisle may be one of the teams to watch in Division III this term as a result of 12 months of savage work.

But whether those halcyon days of the seventies when Brunton Park burst at the seams for Cup ties against Middlesbrough and Manchester United will ever return, is something that only time will reveal.



Bryan 'Pop' Robson

With Bryan 'Pop' Robson — now in the twilight of his extraordinary goalscoring career — and Bob Lee heading the hunt for goals, and manager Bob Stokoe pinning his belief on attacking football, Carlisle United should enjoy a better season last time out.

Then they went agonisingly close to dropping into Division Four — a place they hoped they had shaken off for good back in 1964 when they began a climb that eventually saw them reach the dizzy heights of Division One, albeit for only one marvellous experience.

What's on Motson?



In this, the seventh in his series leading up to the World Cup finals in Spain, BBC commentator John Motson explains why the tournament will last 29 days.....

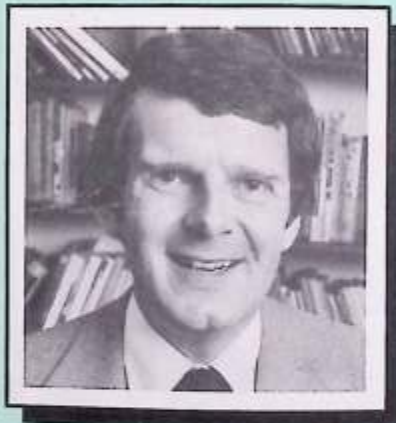
Stand By for a Month of Non-Stop Football

When Brazilian supremo Joao Havelange campaigned to become president of FIFA, the controlling body of world football, he made various election pledges to under-developed countries. One of them was to increase their participation in the finals of the World Cup.

When he was elected, Havelange kept his promise, which is why we shall see two African nations in Spain, two countries from the Asian zone, and two from the CONCACAF area of North and Central America. In previous World Cups, these continents were permitted only one finalist.

In order to maintain the ratio of European teams, the number of countries taking part was thus increased from 16 to 24. And those eight additional entries simply mean a longer tournament.

The World Cup finals will start with the opening match in Barcelona on Sunday, June 13th, 1982. They will end with the twelfth World Cup final in Madrid on Sunday, July 11th. And during the course of those four weeks, there will be only seven days without football. Indeed for the first fortnight, there will be three matches virtually every day!



BBC's JOHN MOTSON

Let me explain how the tournament will work. The 24 teams will initially be divided into SIX groups of FOUR. They will play each other once each on the normal league basis — with two points being awarded for a win and one for a draw. So each country will play three group matches in this "first round", and the two top teams in each group will progress to the second round.

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This will leave us with TWELVE teams. They will then be further split up into FOUR groups of THREE. Again, the league system will operate, with each team playing the two others in their group. The WINNERS of the four groups will qualify for the semi-finals.

The semi-finals will be played on a straight "knock out" basis, with the two winners going through to the final, and the two losers playing for third and fourth place.

This means a total of 52 matches in Spain, as opposed to 38 in Argentina in the last World Cup. It also means that more grounds will be used — 17 in all in 14 different towns and cities — and we shall be discussing details of the various stadiums and their location in the next issues of "On Target".

There will generally be three matches per day in the first round, and two matches per day in the second round. Kick off times will be staggered, so that television viewers in Europe will be able to see one match in the late afternoon and one in the evening.

Two decisions regarding who plays where have already been taken. Holders Argentina will play the opening match in Barcelona, then move to the seaboard town of Alicante, in the south east, for the remainder of their "group three" first round matches.

Hosts Spain have been placed in "group five", which means they will play their first round games in Valencia, where they can rely on strong local support.

We shall not know definitely until January 16th, when the draw takes place in Madrid, where the other finalists will be playing. But whereas first round matches will be dotted round the country, the second round (starting June 28th) will be staged entirely in Madrid and Barcelona.

The semi-finals, on July 8th, will be played in Barcelona and Seville. The third place match will take place in Alicante on July 10th, with the final in Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu stadium the following day.

If in the first round or second round "groups", teams finish equal on points, goal

difference will determine which country is placed higher. If their goal difference is the same, the team which has scored the most goals will qualify.

Thus the system is very much the same as the one used in the World Cups of 1974 and 1978, except that this time the two semi-finals will be "sudden death" — like the F.A. Cup — rather than two group winners qualifying for the final. That system virtually killed the latter stages of the 1980 European Championship.

Critics of the 24-team system — among them former FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous — express two reservations. Will all six qualifiers from the third World continents be up to standard, and will the public appetite stretch far enough to accept such a saturation of football?

Only time will tell, but the first two rounds could feature some dull, defensive football as teams jockey for points and position. So much so, that what happens in Spain next summer could determine how the World Cup will be played for the rest of the century.

SUMMARY OF HOW THE WORLD CUP WILL BE PLAYED

FIRST ROUND — June 13th—June 25th
6 groups of 4 teams each.
Top two in each group qualify

SECOND ROUND — June 25th—July 5th
4 groups of 3 teams each.
Group winners qualify.

SEMI-FINALS — June 25th
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THE £ s. d. OF FOOTBALL

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Football a big business—Men who are lovers of football for its own sake direct the game—The last balance sheet of the Football Association—Club finance—Gains and losses—Some unique balance-sheets—Travelling expenses and receipts—The abnormally large figures of to-day compared with early games of famous clubs—The payment of professionals in the old days—Some amusing figures—Room for a model balance-sheet.



**WILLIAM MCGREGOR
'FATHER' AND LIFE MEMBER OF THE
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Football is a big business. The turn-over of some of our clubs is considerably larger than the turn-over of many an important trading concern, and the manifold details incidental to the conduct of a successful club entail a vast amount of labour. Yet the sum spent in salaries is in every case small. This is due, of course, to the fact that directors cannot be remunerated for their services.

The Football Association very rightly insists that the men who run football clubs shall do so as a matter of sentiment. Naturally, it is permissible to pay a secretary, and, if necessary, a clerk, or even a staff of clerks; it would be unreasonable to expect such work to be done voluntarily. But the dictum of the Association that directors shall not be paid is a wise one.

It is wise because it brings into the work the right class of men—that is to say, men who love football for its own sake, and for the pleasing prominence—and this is in no way dis-

creditable to those who like such prominence—which a position on the directorate of a leading club brings in its train. Our football directors are, generally speaking, men who love the game, and they make great sacrifices for the game.

I am not saying that here and there you will not find a man who is a director for the money he indirectly makes out of it; but that cannot always be avoided. I can tell you candidly that the position of football director of a League club carries with it an amount of work which, if a man looked at it through business spectacles, would call for heavy remuneration. But it would be a bad day for football if you divorced the sportsman and substituted for him the guinea-pig, or the man who does not mind doing any work that he is well remunerated for.

Yes, football is a big business. Let us confirm this statement by taking a glance at the last balance-sheet of the Football Association. The sum of £8,018 1s. 1d. was brought forward from the previous season; and the ordinary receipts, such as entrance-fees, subscriptions, sale of professional forms (including a sum of £860 19s. for "complaints, protest fees, and fines"), were £1,553 17s. 1d. The new over-riding percentage on the gate receipts in all Cup-ties produced the handsome sum of £1,633 15s. This is a new but very legitimate source of income. Then the special Cup receipts were: Semi-final at Manchester, £1,467 13s. 6d.; Semi-final at Stoke, £1,798 11s. 5d.; and the replayed Semi-final at Nottingham, £1,443 16s.; making a total yield from the Semi-finals of £4,710 0s. 11d.

The Association's share of the Final Tie at the Crystal Palace was £4,789 19s. 4d., making a gross yield from the later stages of the Cup competition of £9,500 0s. 3d.

The Amateur Cup competition produced £349 9s., and the International matches furnished the following receipts: North v. South at Bristol, £220 4s.; Amateurs v. Professionals of the South, £264 19s. 9d.; England v. Scotland, at the Crystal Palace, £2,436 1s. 6d.; England v. Ireland at Middlesbrough £1,070 15s.; England v. Wales at Liverpool, £610 11s. 6d.; a full total of £4,602 11s. 3d.

The total receipts from all sources were £25,004 18s. 10d. Now as to the payments. Items paid relating to the previous season absorbed £4,640 16s. 1d. of the balance brought forward. The expenses of meetings were £1,895 2s. 11d.; rents, rates and taxes ran away with £337 17s. 5d.; salaries accounted for £478 13s.; and a special grant of £676 13s. 2d. was made to the Benevolent Fund, making total ordinary expenses of £4,107 7s. 7d.

The Cup-tie expenses for the Semi-final and Final were £747 9s. 5d., and the expenses of the Amateur Cup competition were £158 3s. 9d.; the expenses of the International games absorbed £1,311 8s. 7d.; and the balance carried forward was £13,915 8s. 7d.

The balance-sheet proper showed assets as follows: By investments, £4,190 9s.; office furniture, £100; cash in bank on deposit account, £3,000; cash in bank on current account, £13,915 8s. 7d. Truly a huge business! And yet that veteran worker, Mr. C. W. Alcock, well remembers the time when, at the end of the first year of the Football Association's existence, the members were proud of the fact that there was a balance in hand of over a sovereign!

The amount divisible among the clubs competing in the Semi-final and Final Ties was £8,024 0s. 7d., and this was apportioned as follows:

THE ENGLISH CUP

Aston Villa	£3,362 13s. 5d.
Newcastle United	£2,668 10s. 0d.
Everton	£1,257 14s. 3d.
Sheffield Wednesday	£563 10s. 11d.

THE AMATEUR CUP

West Hartlepool	£65 8s. 2d.
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Now let us turn to the question of club finance. In response to a circular I recently issued I was furnished with the balance-sheets of fourteen of the eighteen clubs which were members of the First Division last season, and they offer a very interesting comparison. I must preface my remarks, however, by drawing attention to the fact that to collate the various expenditures has been a task of great difficulty—scarcely two clubs adopt the same way of keeping their accounts.

During the first year of the legalisation of payments to players by the Football Association, seeing that they were interfering with the financial and internal management of football clubs, I suggested that they should exercise a control over the balance-sheets of the organisations, or they could never enforce their own rules. Wherever there is money it is one of the natural laws of our very human system that some of it should leak into channels that cannot be regarded as strictly legitimate; and football is not free from suspicion any more than any other institution.

TABLE SHOWING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS OF LEAGUE CLUBS FOR THE SEASON 1904-5.

NAME OF CLUB	NET GATE	SEASON TICKETS	WAGES AND TRANSFERS	TRAINING, TRAVELLING AND HOTEL EXPENSES	NET PROFIT OR LOSS
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d. (p.)
Aston Villa	14,329 14 2	621 0 6	5,940 5 5	2,499 19 1	1,876 18 3 (p.)
Small Heath	7,209 3 1	559 8 0	4,438 3 6	820 7 9	949 9 6 (p.)
Wolverhampton Wanderers	5,450 15 4	380 2 0	3,617 17 1	844 6 5	119 6 8 (p.)
Newcastle United	17,065 0 5	715 10 6	5,118 9 2	*3,265 14 6	5,487 17 4 (p.)
Middlesbrough	8,177 14 2	525 10 6	7,730 2 7	1,209 5 8	1,035 2 5 (l.)
Woolwich Arsenal	8,600 14 3	1,000 10 6	5,802 10 0	1,003 19 6	1,674 2 5½ (p.)
Everton	14,053 14 4	333 17 0	3,748 9 7	7,180 15 7	5,108 17 7 (p.)
Sheffield United	8,074 13 1	362 9 6	4,039 12 2	570 4 11	\$1,473 19 0 (p.)
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Blackburn Rovers	5,743 2 0	380 4 0	5,174 5 0	964 11 9	1,542 13 10 (l.)
Bury	5,181 13 9	330 18 0	4,848 17 6	945 19 1	1,049 18 0 (l.)
Preston North End	6,957 13 11	131 15 0	4,345 17 0	895 9 10	917 5 0 (p.)
Derby County	4,410 17 10	745 1 3	3,998 1 3	930 3 7	1,467 4 7 (l.)
Notts Forest	5,504 0 0	750 0 0	4,645 0 0	455 0 0	545 0 0 (l.)

*Indicates police, gatekeepers, advertising, &c.

§Gross profit.

The above table shows at a glance how the various League clubs fared last season in regard to receipts and disbursements, and whether they rejoiced in the possession of a profit or mourned over the grim reality of a loss.

There is food for reflection here. As I previously explained, some of the figures must be treated as approximate amounts, for, owing to the absence of a model balance-sheet, various clubs have included their wages and transfer fees under one head, and in not a few cases training, hotel, and travelling expenses have been lumped together. Naturally such a course goes far to explain differences which at first sight are almost startling.

Some clubs give only their net profit, and others (such as Aston Villa) publish their gross profit; and in the latter case I have deducted the amount put down for depreciation to bring the Villa in a line with the other clubs. Though it is impossible to analyse the balance-sheets with perfect accuracy, the above table will be found to afford as careful a comparison as can safely be made.

It will be seen that Middlesbrough have made the biggest loss, with Blackburn Rovers and Derby County close behind; and that Newcastle United and Everton have made the biggest profits, both being well over £5,000. The profits of the two Sheffield clubs are curiously alike, and the losses of Blackburn Rovers and Bury are similar.

Everton, with the second largest gain, have the smallest wage-bill of all the organisations, with the exception of Wolverhampton Wanderers. Derby County have the smallest total gate-money, but the amount put down for season tickets is nearly the highest.

Woolwich Arsenal claim pride of place in this respect, and there is little doubt that if the team had sustained its earlier promise the gate-money would have challenged comparison with the total of any other club. It is not difficult to see how Blackburn Rovers' misfortunes have arisen. Their bill for wages and transfer fees amounts to £700 more than that of the Villa, though they do not retain half the men to be found in the service of the Aston club. The latter, however, do not show their transfer fees on the balance-sheet as the Rovers do. Newcastle United seem to have made a good thing out of their transfer fees, netting £800 on this account.

Aston Villa paid away £3,415 13s. 1d. to visiting clubs, whereas Everton paid only £936 7s. 6d.; and Newcastle, who shared with the Villa the honour of reaching the Cup Final, paid only £1,620 under this head. The travelling and training expenses of the Villa amounted to £2,000 while those of Small Heath and Wolverhampton Wanderers, who cover much the same distances, were practically only one-third of that sum.

Continued in next issue.



Worldwide with John King

THE ALTERNATIVE CUPS

Whilst we are all well acquainted with the World Cup, the European Championship, and the three major European club trophies, there are also a number of other international and club trophies, past and present, which are generally not as well-known in this country. Although some of them are second-rate affairs one or two of them are still looked upon as being of major importance in European and World football.

The following is a brief guide to what might be termed the 'alternative cups'.

1. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

DR. GERO CUP* This was in effect the Central European Championship. Founded by the Austrian Hugo Meisl in 1927 it was held on five occasions before the Nations Cup replaced it. The last two competitions spread over six seasons.

Winners:-

- 1927-29 Italy
- 1931-32 Austria
- 1933-35 Italy
- 1948-53 Hungary
- 1955-60 Czechoslovakia

CONCACAF CHAMPIONSHIP Initially held biannually the competition has now become four yearly. The response over the years has been erratic. It was first held in 1941.

Recent Winners:-

- 1967 Guatemala
- 1969 Costa Rica
- 1973 Haiti
- 1977 Mexico

BALKAN CUP First launched in 1929 the competition has stuttered to a temporary halt on a number of occasions. It was relaunched in 1975 but without a great deal of success.

MEDITERRANEAN GAMES Since 1951 13 nations have taken part with the European sides normally 'seeing off' the challenge from North Africa and the Middle East.

Recent Winners:-

- 1971 Yugoslavia
- 1975 Algeria
- 1979 Yugoslavia

ASIAN CUP Inaugurated in 1956 this is Asia's equivalent of the European Championship. In recent years, and before the present troubles, it had been dominated by Iran.

Recent Winners:-

- 1964 Israel 2nd India
- 1968 Iran 2nd Burma
- 1972 Iran 2nd S. Korea
- 1976 Iran 2nd Kuwait

ALPINE CUP Inaugurated in 1960 since when it has undergone many changes of format. Held in the summer it has now become a Franco-Swiss affair.

Recent Winners:-

- 1977 Stade de Reims (France)
- 1978 Servette (Switzerland)
- 1979 AS Monaco (France)

CUP OF AFRICAN UNITY Held on a biannual basis since its inauguration in 1957. Egypt won the first two tournaments which were beset by political problems, but in recent years the competition has flourished. Ghana, with a third win in 1978, won the trophy outright.

Recent Winners:-

- 1972 Congo 2nd Mali
- 1974 Zaïre 2nd Zambia
- 1976 Morocco 2nd Guinea
- 1978 Ghana 2nd Uganda
- 1980 Nigeria 2nd Algeria

SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP By far the longest running international tournament outside the British Isles since its launch in 1916. Its rules were revised in 1979 and it is now held on a four yearly basis with 10 nations taking part.

Recent Winners:-

- 1963 Bolivia
- 1967 Uruguay
- 1975 Peru
- 1979 Paraguay

2. CLUB COMPETITIONS

MITROPA CUP The inspiration behind the European Cup. Inaugurated in 1927 it was a very prestigious competition at one time but now, due to the three major European club trophies, attracts only average sides.

Recent Winners:-

- 1976 TS Innsbruck (Austria)
- 1977 Vojvodina (Yugoslavia)
- 1978 Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia)
- 1979 No competition
- 1980 Udinese (Italy)

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Began life in 1960 as the Intercontinental Cup without the backing of F.I.F.A., as a two leg match between the European Cup holders and the holders of the South American Cup. A terrible history of violent play reduced the stature of the Championship and nowadays the European Cup holders seldom take part. The last couple of games have been on a straight one leg basis.

INTER-AMERICAN CUP An annual competition between the winners of the South American Cup and the CONCACAF (Central American) Champions Cup. Not recognised by F.I.F.A.

CONCACAF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP The champions cup of Central America, generally dominated by Mexican sides.

Recent Winners:-

- 1977 America (Mexico)
- 1978 Comunicaciones (Guatemala)
- 1979 Deportivo FAS (El Salvador)

LATIN CUP* An early forerunner of the European Cup of which only two series were held, each covering 4 year periods. Spanish clubs won both.

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP* Came from the ashes of the above with 12 invited clubs. It was last played in 1976.

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Spotlight on Leeds United

Manager Alan Clarke is his own man

by Derek Henderson



There must have been more than a little dismay in the pubs and clubs of Yorkshire when they heard that those upstart newcomers to the First Division Swansea City had accounted for Leeds United by the margin of five goals to one on the opening day of the season.

But this was Swansea's day and the result could have happened to anyone. Leeds just happened to be the victims of Welsh Euphoria and the scoreline bore little resemblance to the transformation that Allan Clarke has managed since he came from nearby Barnsley to take over the Elland Road mantle.

Clarke, as a highly-rated player under the successful management of Don Revie who made Leeds a name to be feared throughout the playing fields of Europe, knows that if he does well, comparisons with his former boss will be inevitable.

But not surprisingly, he wants to be judged on his own record, and not have people suggesting that he has moulded his outlook on that of Revie, for really nothing could be further from the truth.

For one thing, Revie's Leeds was fashioned after several years of painstaking build-up in which defence was a byword and physical toughness one of the main ingredients.

With men like Billy Bremner and Norman Hunter in midfield, how could they not be a hard nut to crack?

Clarke's Leeds is being founded on principles which certainly incorporate the ingredients of Revie's formula. But above all, he is slowly and surely developing his own style with his own brand of players, and if anyone believes that the Leeds of the eighties will be a relentless, dour lot dedicated to not losing first and foremost, I think will have a surprise in store for them.

Clarke can already point to great progress from a starting point where United were in some distress. When he left Barnsley to the management of his old club-mate Hunter, Leeds were only one position off the foot of the table in the autumn of '80. They ended the season ninth,

and in such a short period of time, that transformation was something of an achievement in itself.

Clarke is not just interested in shaping a team calculated to grind the opposition down by sheer force of will as the Leeds team of old did. In buying a mercurial and sometimes inconsistent Peter Barnes for wing-play, he demonstrated that he wants Leeds to be known as a side going forward in search of attractive football.

Leeds may not be currently in the first six sides in the First Division which would be named by the average fan as being the ones they would most like to watch. But it's coming — bit by bit.

For just examine some of the talent at Clarke's disposal. John Lukic, already capped by England Under-21 and one whom Clarke feels certain will be an England senior first-choice not too far away. Frank Gray, who has gone back to Elland Road from Forest, Brian Greenhoff, Paul Hart and Trevor Cherry make up an impressive back four.

Welsh cap Brian Flynn and Kevin Hird (former Blackburn full-back) are in midfield with the able Eddie Gray who made his debut as long ago as 1966. And Scottish cap Arthur Graham is one who can play there or up front, where Clarke can also call upon tricky Carl Harris, a Welshman who likes to be direct with the goal as his bee-line.

Clarke believes implicitly in discipline which one can guess from his apparently dour nature. But discipline without strangulation of style and flair.

Clarke is an unashamed admirer of Liverpool. He can remember the titanic meetings of the two teams at time when they were head and shoulders above all others in England and always vying for the big honours.

Now Shankly and Revie have stepped aside for Paisley and the much younger Clarke and soon, maybe, those meetings, will again take on the significance they used to have.

The Leeds revival is on. It will take time but Clarke's foundations will be on rock, not clay.

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ENGLAND VS SCOTLAND 3

Scotland has produced more than its fair share of marvellous, instinctive footballers over the years but the number of world class goalkeepers from north of the border has never matched the outfielders.

Indeed the belief that there is no such thing as a good Scottish goalkeeper has been perpetuated by fans south of the border particularly ever since the day in April, 1961 when Frank Haffey emerged in the most unfortunate manner to become a household name for all the wrong reasons.

"Haffey's Match", it became known, the day England annihilated the Auld Enemy in front of an enraptured Wembley crowd which contained its usual quota of drink-inspired Scots.

England won an incredible match 9-3 with the unfortunate Haffey being responsible for rather more than he should have been.

It was the Celtic goalkeeper's second and last international. A year previously he had been rewarded for some good club form by being called up for the corresponding match at Hampden Park which ended in a 1-1 draw.

Haffey admitted to being nervous but Wembley's wide open spaces are the last place in the footballing world to try to hide and his jitters were ruthlessly and cruelly exposed.

Poor Haffey made every error in the book and a few more besides; coming out when he should not have done and staying on his line when it might have been better to have advanced.

Jimmy Greaves had a field day scoring three times. Skipper Johnny Haynes and Spurs' bustling striker Bobby Smith each scored twice and there were further goals from Bryan Douglas and Bobby Robson, now of course the Ipswich manager.

Scotland never stopped trying to their credit and England's defence was by no means infallible as Dave Mackay, Dave Wilson and Pat Quinn made the scoreline at least look respectable.

The Scots were shell-shocked. As McKay said afterwards: "It would normally have been an achievement to have scored three times at Wembley. But we were humiliated."

The Scottish fans and the press turned on their



Bobby Charlton

discredited team and on Haffey in particular. "Haffey's Shame," screamed one headline next day.

Haffey's own career was badly affected by the Wembley fiasco. He was soon no longer part of plans at Celtic and he had a spell at Swindon before disappearing from the scene. There is no doubt he was made the scapegoat for what had happened and his game never fully recovered.

ENGLAND: Springett, Armfield, McNeil, Robson, Swan, Flowers, Douglas, Greaves, Smith, Haynes, R. Charlton.

SCOTLAND: Haffey, Shearer, Caldwell, Mackay, McNeill, McCann, McLeod, Law, St. John, Quinn, Wilson.

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KENNY
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PROFILE

Whenever soccer sages put their heads together and draw up a list of the greatest strikers down the ages, Kenny Dalglish's name will inevitably come under consideration as a representative of the modern era.

Physically, Dalglish is not anything out of the ordinary and certainly not built — as one might expect — in the manner of a man who must assimilate punishment to the extent that all goalscorers undergo.

Compact, yes. Brave, certainly. But above these attributes, Dalglish has that uncanny inbred knack of being in the right place at the right time, and having got there, to perfect his goalscoring art with great poise and skill.

Dalglish has collected a number of significant honours even though he is still well on the right side of the veteran stage. But one medal he would dearly love to pick up centres around the World Cup finals in Spain.

While England have faltered and fumbled, Scotland have qualified for the last two World Cup finals in West Germany and Argentina but having got there, have certainly not pulled up any trees though the 1974 team did leave Germany as the only unbeaten side in the finals.

But when Scotland appear in Spain as they now seem certain to do, can Dalglish and Co not only compete, but carry off a major triumph?

Under Jock Stein's canny guidance, Scotland have increased in stature and Dalglish's personal contribution has been a not unimportant part of this revival.

It used to be said that the blond-haired goalscorer never reproduced his club form when he pulled on the dark blue of Scotland, and with some justification.

But that seems happily now to have changed, and Dalglish's presence not only gives Scotland that edge they need up front, but also serves to induce a certain amount of trepidation among their opponents who know only too well his capabilities if left alone for a moment within striking distance.

It was something of a master move by Bob Paisley when Kevin Keegan's departure from Anfield was followed almost immediately by the capture of Dalglish from Celtic.

For the Glasgow club, Dalglish had made over 200 League appearances and notches 112 goals. His performance for Liverpool in the much more stringent and demanding atmosphere of the English First Division has been a creditable 65 goals in 160 turn-outs — and that's smart going by any standards.

Dalglish must take more physical punishment from defenders — intentional or otherwise — than any other goalscorer. But he eludes a considerable amount more by turning, weaving and dodging in that inimitable way of his.

Making goalscoring look easy is one of the most difficult arts in the game, yet Dalglish seems to manage it almost by second nature.

When one considers the vast sums of money invested on players who certainly do not merit the description of greatness, the outlay of £440,000 to Celtic for Kenny seems very well spent.



Non League Lines

with
Tony
Williams

Non-League clubs in the F.A. Cup often get just as much excitement out of this famous competition as the 'big boys' entering the later rounds, and no doubt this season will produce new giantkillers to hit the headlines.

For those not familiar with the F.A. Cup draw procedure in early rounds it may be a surprise to know that four rounds are drawn at once with semi-professional clubs being put in 36 geographical groups.

One 'seeded' club is exempt from playing in the Preliminary Round in each section but a draw is made so that a club can see its potential path through to a place in the Fourth Qualifying Round by becoming outright winners of its Group.

The most hectic F.A. Cup day is when the

First Qualifying Round is played (this season 19th September). Thirty-six divisions have four matches decided then. Twenty Non-League clubs with good F.A. Cup Records are exempt to the Fourth Qualifying Round with the F.A. Trophy Finalists and the two other most outstanding F.A. Cup performances outside the Football League, going one better and getting an automatic place in the First Round Proper.

It is true to say that if a 'non-league' club reaches the First Round Proper on two consecutive occasions, it will at least be exempt until the Fourth Qualifying Round.

At the time of writing the First Qualifying Round is about to be played so here are forecasts for the eventual 36 Regional Group winners — let's hope there 'On Target'!

Barrow, Ashton, Guisborough Town, Goole Town, Stalybridge Celtic, Chorley, Witton Albion, Bangor City, Runcorn, Boston United, Enderby Town, Alvechurch, Willenhall Town, Bromsgrove Rovers, Nuneton Borough, King's Lynn, Harwich and Parkeston, Bedford Town, St. Albans City, Hendon, Slough Town, Aylesbury United, Billericay Town, Wealdstone, Hayes, Woking, Carshalton Athletic, Bognor Regis Town, Tooting and Mitcham United, Croydon, Dover, Poole Town, Worcester City, Bath City, Bridgwater Town, Barnstaple Town.

EX-LEAGUE DATA

NORTHWICH VICTORIA

Complete League Record

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
50	12	5	33	72	196	29

Founded in 1893 and in 1892 became one of the original members of League Division 2 when the football league was extended to two divisions.

The red shirts and blue shorts of the Cheshire club lasted only two seasons as a league club before they lost the place at the end of the 1893-94 season when they were not re-elected; even though the division two was increased in number.

Prior to becoming a league club 'Victoria' were quarter-finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1894, and in 1892 and 1899 they appeared in the Final of the Welsh Cup losing 2-1 each time to The Druids and Ilkeston City respectively. Also in their pre-league days Frank Hughes represented his native Wales on six occasions.

Below is a complete record of their league results in their two seasons of league football.

	1892-93	1893-94
ARSENAL	H-6 A-2	H-2 A-0
BIRMINGHAM	H-2 A-2	H-7 A-3
BOOTLE	H-1 A-2	H-1 A-2
BURTON UTD	H-2 A-0	H-1 A-2
CREW ALEX	H-4 A-2	H-1 A-2
DARWEN	H-1 A-3	H-1 A-2
GRIMSBY	H-3 A-2	H-1 A-2
LINCOLN	H-2 A-1	H-1 A-2
LIVERPOOL	H-2 A-1	H-2 A-0
MAN. CITY	H-3 A-1	H-1 A-2
MIDLESBROUGH IRON	H-2 A-2	H-1 A-2
NEWCASTLE UTD	H-2 A-2	H-1 A-2
NOTT'S COUNTY	H-2 A-2	H-1 A-2
PORT VALE	H-2 A-0	H-1 A-2
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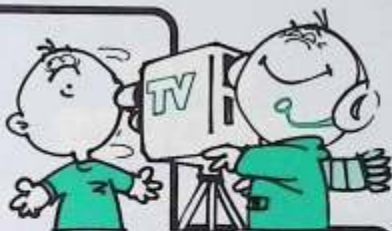
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At last, a really funny book about football has come on to our bookshelves. No, it's not the Malcolm Allison "Book of Success", or Tommy Docherty's "World Travel Guide". This new publication is by Fred Eyre, entitled "Kicked into Touch."

Fred Eyre? Who on earth is he, you might well ask, that is unless you're a Wigan Athletic fan. Fred is now the Assistant Manager at Springfield Park, but his footballing record before that spanned 20 clubs — in twenty years!

This is not the starry eyed tale of success and fame which most soccer books recount. It is the story of a failed, but forever happy and cheerful footballer. He fails to make the grade with his childhood heroes, Manchester City, then goes to Lincoln City and just about every other club North of Crewe.

The Lincoln manager calls him Ted, promises him steak every day, then puts him onto the streets knocking round the houses for somewhere to live. Fred doesn't tell anyone that he's got a pronounced limp from a nasty injury. Among his cuttings from that forgettable season at Sincil Bank are gems like "Will Lincoln be at full strength today, or will Fred Eyre play?" and "The Manager has switched Eyre from right-half to left-half to make room for the return of Murray; it makes no difference to the two-footed Eyre,

who can play equally badly on either side."

Kevin Keegan never has write-up like that!

While Fred's career on the pitch takes him to exotic places like Buxton, Chorley, Bradford Park Avenue, St. Helen's Town and Rossendale, off the pitch he builds up a very successful stationery business in Manchester. For an Assistant Manager of a Fourth Division club to drive to work in a Rolls Royce was quite something.

He also travels the World with an amateur team, wangles a meeting with Frank Sinatra and plays the mighty New York Cosmos. For a failed footballer he has a pretty remarkable run, playing in 19 different countries in a 22 year career.

This is an often hilarious book, with great anecdotes, particularly about coaches and managers. It should be compulsory reading for every boy in the country who thinks football is an easy road to the top, and for every successful player who has forgotten how he got there.

"Kicked into Touch" is published by Senior Publications and costs £1.95 in paperback. At that price you'll get more than just 90 minutes of entertainment, and if your team have got a few Fred Eyres in their line-up today, give them a cheer just for once. They are trying!

PAUL COOPER UNCAPPED AND UNBOWED

by Derek Henderson

Paul Cooper has long since learned to live with the slightly embarrassing situation of being the only uncapped player in the magnificent Ipswich Town side.

The biggest consolation to him in this personal disappointment is that he is plying his trade in an era when there have been two of the most outstanding England goalkeepers of this or any other age — Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton — and a third who is on the verge of greatness, Phil Parkes.

You can't stop commentators mentioning it and writers like myself from perpetuating the position. But I think that all those who know their soccer accept that Cooper, honours at international level or not, is still a very fine example of the sort of player England always seem to produce at conveyor-belt regularity for the goalkeeping spot.

There have been many like Cooper in past decades who were denied caps because of the excellence of their contemporaries — Sam Bartram, for example, while Bert Williams and Gil Merrick were picking up the caps.

But Cooper can point to his own record as proof of his expertise. For not only has he a remarkable penchant for saving penalties, his 'clean sheets' in a season have already established an Ipswich club record mark.

The man the Portman Road fans inevitably dub 'Super Cooper' joined Ipswich in 1974 from Birmingham City for £27,000 — a fee which in retrospect seems ridiculously small for the service and skill he has given to his present employers.

And he could be around for a long time. For in the goalkeeping position, the retirement age is nearly always later than for the 10 other positions on the field. Goalkeepers have gone on and on in the past.

Ted Sagar played well past his 40th birthday for Everton and so did Bartram for Clacton. Men like Pat Jennings seem perennial, and Norwich's Kevin Keelan has only recently quit the game after many years between the sticks.

Cooper may not be able to get that coveted cap while men like Clemence and Shilton show no signs of waning. And although the Ipswich man is only 27 I fancy the best he can hope for is an England B honour — which would be something that only a handful of players achieve in the whole wide scheme of things.

But he hasn't done so badly with other honours. He collected an FA Cup winners medal when Ipswich beat Arsenal, and only a few months ago picked up a UEFA Cup winners' memento when Town looked likely to miss all three of the major targets they set themselves.

Cooper is as dedicated as they come. He is renowned for the time he spends at trying to perfect his art, often putting in additional training stints by himself when his colleagues have long since left the ground.

His penalty saves are no series of flukes. He studies the technique of the leading penalty takers and weighs up



PAUL COOPER

the chance of which way they will shoot, and the intensity of the shot as well. This has brought him phenomenal success and has succeeded in creating grave doubts among the penalty 'kings' — a serious psychological disadvantage when trying to beat Cooper.

With or without any caps, Paul Cooper is still the tops in the business of keeping the shots out.



Mickey Cook receives his silver tray, from Manager Bobby Roberts, prior to the commencement of the York City match on the 18th October, to commemorate his 500th League appearance for the Club. "Well Done Mickey".

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Up to and including Saturday, 24th October, 1981

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	12	9	1	2	33	16	28
Sheffield Utd	12	8	2	2	23	10	26
COLCHESTER U.	12	8	1	3	30	9	25
Blackpool	12	7	4	1	31	11	25
Bury	12	8	1	3	28	16	25
Bournemouth	12	7	3	2	14	8	24
Peterborough	11	6	3	2	16	8	21
Wigan Athletic	12	6	3	3	19	14	21
Torquay Utd	12	6	2	4	16	13	20
Aldershot	12	5	3	4	19	19	18
Hartlepool	12	4	3	5	15	17	15
Port Vale	11	4	3	4	11	13	15
Tranmere Rovers	12	4	3	5	12	17	15
Stockport County	12	4	1	7	15	18	13
York City	12	4	1	7	16	27	13
Hereford Utd	11	2	6	3	15	19	12
Rochdale	12	3	3	6	11	18	12
Darlington	12	1	8	3	10	17	11
Mansfield Town	12	2	4	6	14	19	10
Hull City	12	2	4	6	19	25	10
Scunthorpe	12	2	4	6	14	24	10
Halifax Town	12	1	6	5	11	23	9
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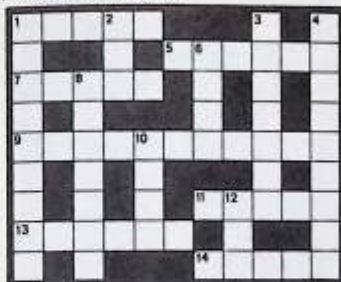
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NINETY-NINER

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No. 9



ACROSS

1. Keeper who established a club appearance's record for Reading last season (5)
5. What, colloquially, unhappy soccer players are as sick as (6)
7. 9 11ac. Number One in One in eighty-one ... (5,5)
9. ... their former player who was a League ever-present for Plymouth last season (11)
11. See 7 across.
13. Darryl _____ referee (6)
14. The first _____ League game (Football League v. Football Alliance) was played at Sheffield in 1891 (5)

DOWN

1. AFC Bournemouth's base (4,5)
2. Total number of League away wins mustered between them last season by ... (3)
3. ... City and Rovers (7)
4. Side sited at Stair Park (9)
5. Hawley or Hill (4)
8. Atmospheric name of the former NASL side of San Antonio (7)

10. A referee's "authority ... and powers granted to him by the Laws of the _____ commence as soon as he enters the field of play" (Law V) (4)
12. Moores, maybe (3)

MIXED DOUBLES No. 9

Re-order the letters in each of the words **ANDREW** and **AWING** to find the names of two historic League clubs.

CLUB CLUE No. 9

Solve this cryptic clue to identify a soccer side: They're in the First. O.K.? Easy!

ON THE BALL No. 9

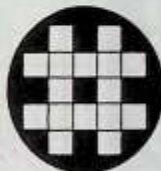
Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

David of Wales

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QUICK QUIZ No. 9

1. Did Nobby Stiles score for England against West Germany at Wembley in 1966?
2. Who was the first player to score in successive FA Cup finals at Wembley?
3. Which club holds the record (12 successive defeats) for the worst start to a season?
4. Who were the last club to win the First Division title on goal average?
5. Which occasional England forward scored a total of 18 goals in his 9 appearances, scoring in every game?



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SEPTEMBER														
Tue 4 BELLINGHAM LGS 1L	2-2	3,400	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 4 TRAFALGAR ROVERS	4-2	2,495	Walker											Adcock 8
Tue 12 CHERTSEY Utd	1-0	1,300	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 15 TRAFALGAR ROVERS	3-0	3,200	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 18 TUDOR Utd	3-0	3,700	Walker											Adcock 8
Tue 22 ALDERSHOT	1-1	3,770	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 25 ALDERSHOT	1-1	4,770	Walker											Adcock 8
Mon 28 Port Vale	1-2	1,281	Walker											Adcock 8
OCTOBER														
Fri 2 NORTHAMPTON T	5-1	2,700	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 9 BRIDGES Utd 2L	1-1	3,300	Walker											Adcock 8
Sat 11 SOUTHSHORE Utd	2-1	3,100	Walker											Adcock 8
Fri 18 YOUNG CITY	4-0	3,500	Walker											Adcock 8
Sat 24 HARTLEPOOL Utd	4-0	3,000	Walker											Adcock 8
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BEHIND THE SCENES

By Eddie Keegen

DEE ELLWOOD

Born in Bury, Lancs. and brought up in Dovercourt, Dee moved to Colchester when she married, and has been a regular follower of the U's. Her first connection with the Club was as an agent for the Development Association, and in view of her success was offered the position of Assistant to the Commercial Executive two years ago. Since this Dee has been responsible for the administration of the advertising/commercial side of the department and assisted on all commercial promotions. Together with Kitty, Dee is responsible for all commercial research required by the department, and as part of the commercial team brings her enthusiasm to the fore as one of the hostesses at publicity promotions, and also in the Directors' Guest Lounge for visiting Industrial and Commercial guests.

Dee's love of sport stems from her great interest in tennis and hockey, having once been a member of the Dovercourt Ladies Hockey Club for five years, playing at County level. She also played tennis and hockey for her school, which was Harwich County High School.

Dee is married, and her husband Neville is a Research/Development Engineer at G.E.C. Paxman Diesels. They have two children, Tony 16 and Tracey 12.

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BLUE EAGLES SUPPORTERS NEWS

I am writing these notes between the York and Hereford games, and so I don't yet know how the games since then have gone, but hopefully we are by now in the top four of the League and into the Third Round of the League Cup too. On the form shown by the team till now (an uninterrupted run of four straight wins), then Hereford, Halifax and Cambridge will have to have played some great football to prevent that! Things seem to be picking up off the field as well, with the gates for the Cambridge and York games improving. Keep it up you lot, remember we need a steady six thousand to break even.

The main Blue Eagles news this week concerns two of our subsidiary branches. First of all, the old London Supporters' branch have reformed and, in fact, spread their wings a bit further afield! The branch now covers London and the South-East, and already has one member based in Southampton. If that area includes you, get in touch with Geoff Jackson the secretary to join up (Tel. 01-449 4666 home, or 01-606 9944 Ext. 4313 work, or write to 12 The Croft, Barnet, Herts). The branch has affiliated to APFSCIL, who organise cheap travel for all the different clubs' London branches, and also promote a range of social events from a Christmas Dinner to an annual 5-a-side football competition.

The second subsidiary section involved tonight is the Travel Club, who have announced their equivalent of airline "Stand-by" cheap fares. In future, if there are any spare seats on our away-travel coaches, these will be offered to children and the unemployed at reduced rates. We are not able to book up seats at these prices, but they are only available on the day of travel if the coach is not full. The best chance of taking advantage of this offer will be for midweek games, and lo and behold what do we have next Monday but a trip to Mansfield! The coach leaves Colchester at 1pm, and the fare is £8.00 (cheap fare £5.00). Next Saturday we are again away, at Hull City. We will be leaving at 8am, and the fare is again £8.00. If we have got an away draw in the League Cup, listen out for announcements on the travel arrangements over the tannoy tonight. Remember, to book up for any away game, simply go along to either of the Blue Eagles huts on the ground, or phone me on Pakenham 31531 or Roger Gray on Colchester 250806.

Finally, don't forget the two forthcoming Blue Eagles dances; first of all at the Civil Service Club on Saturday, November 14th, dancing to the Amberlites, and then the Grand Supporters' Dance at Woods Sports Centre on Friday, 27th November, when you can dance to the Trinity Steel Band and Liqueur. Tickets for each of these are available from the Blue Eagles now, price only £2.50. Get yours today!

Give a big welcome to Wigan Athletic today on their first visit to Layer Road, but remember to cheer our lads on to another three points.

KEN CRAIG.

CLUB NEWS

COLCHESTER UNITED VICE PRESIDENTS CLUB

These notes, which we hope will appear monthly, are to keep everybody informed of the V.P.'s Club activities.

In the next month a further cheque for £1,000 will be handed over to the Club towards the cost of the tip-up stand seats.

The V.P.'s Club made themselves responsible for the cost of all the new stand seats and in the next few months will have paid to the Club the total price of £4,500.

These funds come from our bar and the "100 Club" for which there is limited membership available. If you are interested contact D. Fynn, Telephone 1107000.

The bar facilities are available to members and their guests and in future the entrance will be strictly stewarded to ensure only members are allowed in. Therefore why not join and enjoy a drink and a chat before and after the game. (Contact Also Dainty, Witham 613454).

Lastly a few words on the most important subject, Football. The Team have had a good start to the season and nobody can complain about lack of excitement or goals. Just one request to every supporter, can there be more vocal support to encourage our team to even more goals.

COLCHESTER REFEREES' SOCIETY are pleased to announce that SIR STANLEY ROUS C.B.E. "Mr Football" himself will be the guest speaker at their Branch Meeting on Thursday, 12th November, at the Kingsford Park Hotel, Colchester at 7.30 p.m.

During the close season two Colchester referees received promotion: MR. PAUL HEALY to the Isthmian's list of the Football League, and MR. TERRY BEART to the Isthmian's list of the Football Combination.

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Tax

Under present legislation premiums are usually eligible for tax relief and all benefit payments under the policy would normally be free of income tax and capital gains tax.

Surrender Values

A Family Protection Policy is a long-term contract and The Royal London has to be fair to the vast majority of its policyholders who will continue paying premiums until their death or the end of the term of the policy. Inevitably, therefore, any cash returns on voluntary discontinuance in the early years may be lower than the premiums paid.

Family Protection Policy

Example

Net four weekly premium	£10
Age next birthday	25 years
Term of policy	25 years
Basic Income Benefit per annum	£1,500 p.a.
Basic Sum Assured	£2,700

Example of Benefits

If death were to occur after 5 years	£
(a) Guaranteed basic sum assured	2,700
Additional sum assured of 20%§	540
	3,240
Estimated reversionary bonus*	388
Total estimated lump sum on death	3,628

PLUS

(b) Annual amount of basic income benefit	1,500
Additional income benefit of 20%§	300
	1,800

This amount would be payable in quarterly instalments for 20 years

Total income benefit payable§	36,000
Total net outlay for 5 years	650

Estimated Maturity Value on Survival to the End of the Term

Guaranteed basic sum assured	2,700
Additional sum assured of 20%§	540
	3,240
Estimated reversionary bonus*	2,430
Estimated special final bonus*	1,620
Total estimated monies payable*	7,290
Total net outlay to maturity	3,250

§The addition of 20% arises from the tax relief paid direct to the Society on your behalf by the Inland Revenue. The level of the addition may change if the current rate of tax relief of 17½% is altered.

*The estimated bonuses above assume that profits will yield bonuses as quoted and that the current rate of tax relief of 17½% remains unaltered. This cannot, of course, be guaranteed. In particular special final bonus, which essentially arises from the variable part of our investment revenue, may be altered or withdrawn at any time without notice.

TEAM CHECK

Colchester Utd

Colours: Blue and White stripes.

- 1 Mike Walker
- 2 Mickey Cook
- 3 Phil Coleman
- 4 Steve Leslie
- 5 Steve Wignall
- 6 Steve Wright
- 7 Tony Adcock
- 8 Kevin Bremner
- 9 Roger Osborne
- 10 Roy McDonough
- 11 Ian Allinson
- 12 Denis Longhorn

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: MR. M.L. JAMES (Horsham)

LINESMEN:

MR G. CLARIDGE (Dagenham) — Red Flag, MR. J.A. MASTERS (Oakington, Cambs) — Yellow Flag.



Wigan Athletic

Colours: White with Blue trim.

- 1 Bob Ward
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 Mark Wignall
- 5 Larry Lloyd
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Graham Barrow
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Clive Evans
- 12 Alex Cribley

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